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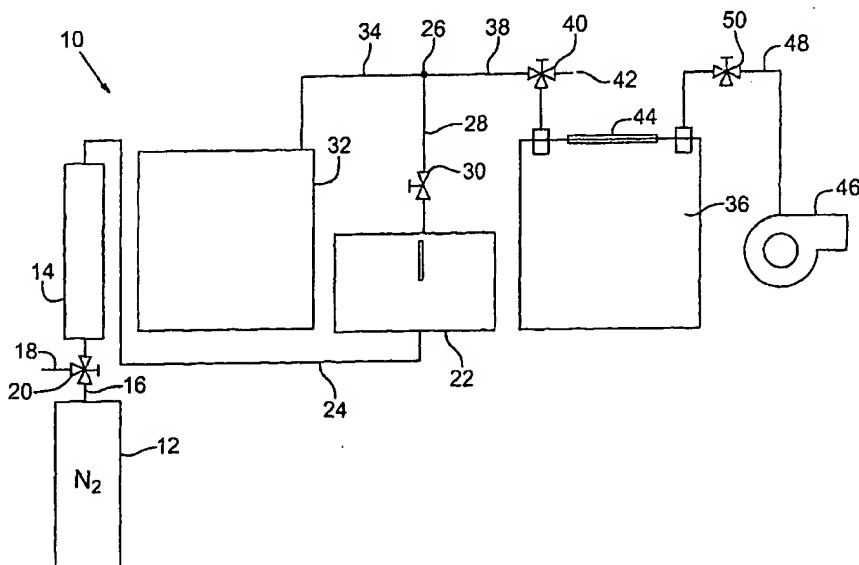
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(57) Abstract: The present disclosure relates to the decontamination of articles contaminated (or thought to be contaminated) with bioweapons, such as methods and apparatus for decontaminating articles contaminated with sporulated bioweapons. In some embodiments, the methods are methods of decontaminating an environment, for example a room or building contaminated with a bioweapon.



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Method and apparatus for decontaminating an article comprising (a) chlorine dioxide as active agent introduced into a chamber/environment; (b) (means for) humidification of said chamber; and (c) a vacuum generator.

2. claims: 21-23

Method for decontaminating a room or building comprising (a) chlorine dioxide as active agent introduced into a room/building/environment; and (b) humidification of said environment.

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